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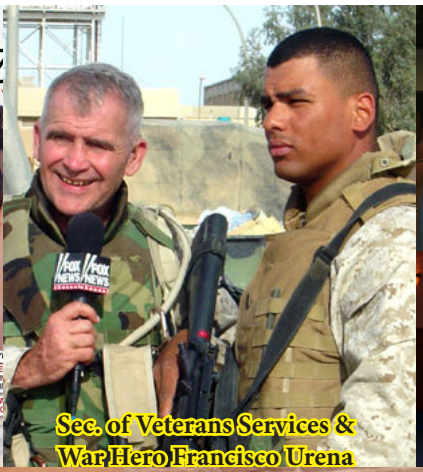
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JOE LIGOTTI, "THE GUYS FROM BOSTON"

(A SURPRISE GUEST?)

MIKE SULLIVAN

8PM

TOM DUGGAN REMARKS

VALLEY PATRIOT AWARDS

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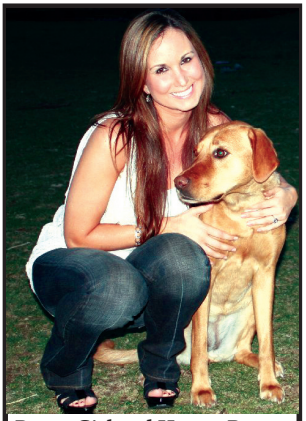
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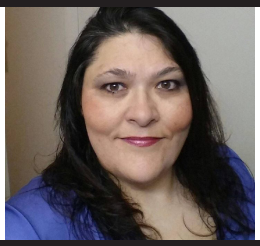
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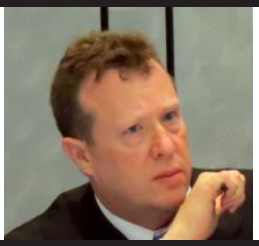
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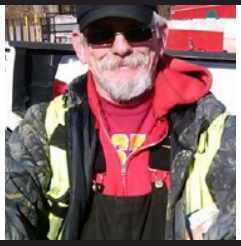
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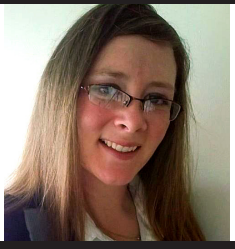
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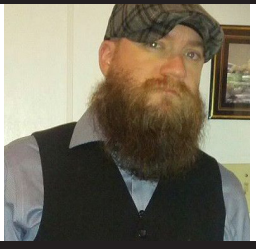
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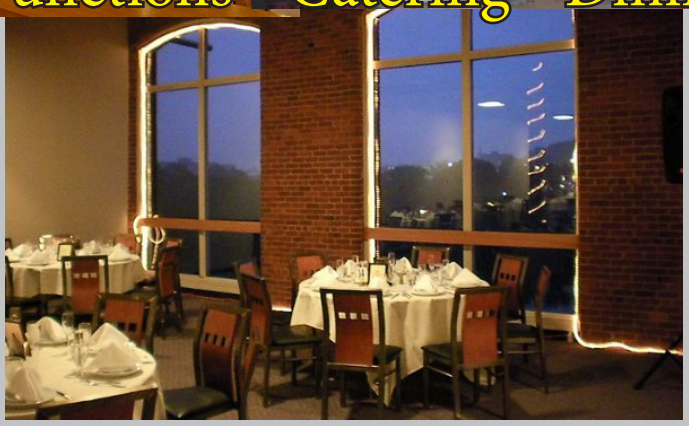
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Because of our sponsors, this is the 7th year The Valley Patriot has been able to give college scholarships to Lawrence High School seniors through the Lawrence High School Alumni Association. Because of YOUR support we've donated scholarships to 8 students from LHS. Tonight, we make that 10! PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS: 2010-Davante Jones, Franklin Pierce University| 2011-Crismelys Ruiz, Lincoln Tech. Lowell - Med Asst.| 2012-Ambar Hussein-Martinez, Northern Essex| 2013-Thalia Garcia, Westfield State University: 2014 Sofia Cardenas and Ramses Jiminez Candelario| 2015 winners Christopher Pichardo & Caroline Garcia

This Year's Recipients:

Kevin Vanderhorst is a senior in the Math, Science and Technology High School at Lawrence High. He moved to Lawrence from the Dominican Republic 2 years ago with his parents for a better educational opportunity. He has immersed himself in his academics and sports, specifically basketball, among other activities. Since Kevin's arrival to Lawrence High School, he has managed to maintain excellent grades earning a GPA of 3.8 due in part to his hard work but mainly because of his intelligence and motivation. He is a role model and is well liked by his teachers and his peers. Kevin will be the first in his family to attend college and looks forward to a successful future in the field of Business Administration.

Thu Dang: Thu Dang came from Vietnam with her mother when she was three years old. Thu will be studying Food Science at Framingham State University in the fall. Here at Lawrence High School Thu is part of the Yearbook staff, Prom Committee, Student Council and the Girl Scouts. Thu is also a part of the Youth Development Organization here in the city and taught middle schoolers about nutrition during the Science Olympiad. She would like to work for a non-profit organization that teaches children about nutrition and taking care of themselves. Thu is a great role model when it comes to eating healthy, because she can often be seen eating fruit and sipping on a green smoothie with chia seeds.

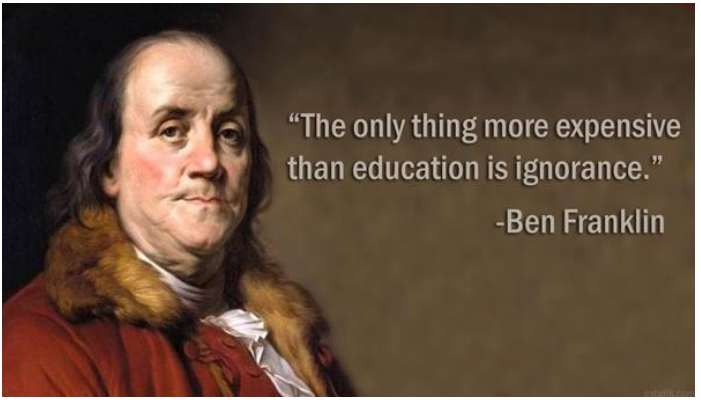


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It is my honor and pleasure to contribute to the deserving scholars of the community. I wish them all the best of success!



Our Artie T. DeMoulas College Scholarship

This year The Valley Patriot will give our second annual "Artie T. DeMoulas Scholarship" to Market Basket employees who are furthering their education. We give this scholarship each year as our way of saying THANK YOU to market Basket Employees who took a hit to the pocket book by waking off the job and saving our MORE FOR YOUR DOLLAR STORES.



Kasey Potvin of Goffstown, NH
(Store #71 in Bedford, NH)

Kasey Potvin of Goffstown, NH. is 18 years old and a graduating senior in the National Honor Society at Goffstown High School. She is the 2nd of three children to Alan Potvin and Kathy (Thomas) Potvin who are both originally from Lawrence, Ma. "I couldn't be more excited to be attending UMass at Lowell in the fall with a major in Nursing (a goal of mine since a very young age). I feel strongly that the model of how to treat people regardless of their position or status was well established by Mr. Demoulas. I am very proud to say that I'm an employee of Market Basket, store 71 in Bedford NH. I'm looking forward to incorporating the virtues that I have learned from Mr. Demoulas' demonstration during a crisis into my life and career.



Ryan Jackson from Auburn, NH,
(Store #66 in Hookset, NH)

Ryan Jackson of Auburn, NH works at the Market Basket in Hooksett, NH. He will be attending Bentley University in the fall, and will be pursuing a degree in Economics and Finance. As a student at Pinkerton Academy, he's a member of both the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society, as well as being an award-winning member of the Future Business Leaders of America and an officer of the SkillsUSA chapter. He has been very active in the Career and Technical Education programs at Pinkerton He plans to continue working for Market Basket while attending college.



Patrick McRobbie, Methuen, MA
(Store #6 in Salem, NH)

Patrick McRobbie is am a 17 year old senior at Methuen High School. He has worked at Market Basket for over two years in store #6 in Salem, NH as an assistant front end manager. In the fall, he is planning on attending Plymouth State University as a Psychology major. He began working at Market Basket on the weekends when he was 15 years old. At 16 he started working the closing shift and says he really began to enjoy the environment that was provided at Market Basket. "When I was promoted in May of 2015, I was very excited. I truly believe that Market Basket has a remarkable management training program."

2016 Scholarship Winner Chris Daniels, North Andover High School



Christopher Daniels, was a student at Thomson Elementary School who participated in student elections and student council as well as in Thomson Paw Prints school newspaper activities. Even though he is no longer at the Thomson school, Chris still volunteers at playground clean-ups at Thomson and also volunteers at the Kids Stop After School Program. He is attending Massachusetts College of Art and Design, and has been accepted as a film major. His grandfather was a Vietnam veteran who served from 1962 to 1966. "My grandfather is proud of many things he accomplished in his life, but when he speaks about serving in the U.S Army, he has no greater sense of pride," Chris says.

The Valley Patriot North Andover High Scholarship is awarded to a graduating student from North Andover High School who attended the Thomson grammar school and participated in the school newspaper, is a good student and reccomended by at least one educator at Thomson or NAHS!



2016 GLTS Scholarship Winner Kassandra Jean Marie

Kassandra Jean-Marie, the daughter of Karine and Marcel Jean-Marie from Methuen, is a senior in the Health Career Program at Greater Lawrence Regional Technical High School. Kassandra is the top ranked student in the Class of 2016. She will use her technical skills and knowledge to further her education in Pre-Medical Studies next year as a college freshman.

Kassandra has made outstanding contributions to our school community in and outside of the classroom. She has been both a member and president of the National Honor Society. She is also co-President of the Class of 2016 and is the student representative to the district school committee. She has volunteered community service hours at Lawrence General Hospital numerous times throughout high school and just completed the Lawrence General Hospital Shadow a Professional Program. Kassandra has also participated in the Interact Club and was recognized by WHDH-TV with the Channel 7 Class Act Award, and as a junior was awarded the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Book Award, due to outstanding grades and community service. Kassandra has demonstrated great discipline in a rigorous course of study that has included honors courses, Advanced Placement English, and dual enrollment courses. Kassandra has completed four college courses through the Dual Enrollment Program at Northern Essex Community earning fourteen credits. Kassandra is ranked first in a class of 316 seniors with a 4.46 GPA. Kassandra will continue to her education in the hopes of eventually attending medical school. Kassandra has been accepted and will attend University of Massachusetts

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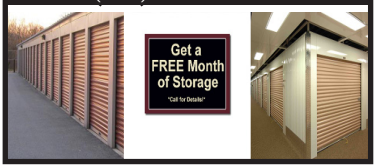


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Once called the Honorable Mention Award, The Goodwill Ambassador Award is given to TWO people who do not necessarily work for The Valley Patriot but act as our goodwiill ambassadors in the community, whether through the press, or pitching in to volunteer for one of The Valley Patriot's many projects in some outstanding way.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:
(2013) Mike Grammont & Tracey Zysk
(2014) Rich Russel & Shawn Hansen
(2015) John Bergeron & Gracemarie & Joyce Tomaselli

2016 Nominees:
Jack Roy
Candy and Mike Colizzi
Joe Dunn
Phil DeCologero

VALLEY PATRIOT EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD

Each year The Valley Patriot honors two Valley Patriot contributors for outstanding writing or taking the high road in public discourse while also taking very bold stands on some of the most important issues that shape our culture and our community. Columnists, reporters, and even letter writers are eligible for this award. Previous winners of this award have exposed corruption, called out elected officials for bad behavior, provided exceptional information to the public and/or attracted a whole new demographic of readers to the paper.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:
(2013) Joe D'Amore & Lonnie Brennan.
(2014) Paul Murano & Jeff Katz
(2015) Kathy Runge & John MacDonald

2016 NOMINEES:
Dave Sullivan
Dr. Frank MacMillan
Ana DeBernardo
Paul Murano

VALLEY PATRIOT PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Tonight we honor two members of The Valley Patriot family with The Valley Patriot President's Award. Nominees and winners were chosen personally by Valley Patriot Publisher Tom Duggan. Nominees of this award were chosen for their unique and/or outstanding contribution in the operations of the paper. Previous winners have helped us get the paper to the printer in emergency situtions so that we don't miss a deadline, gone out in snowstorms to shovel out our street boxes, promoted us to local businesses for advertising, or provided exceptional material to the paper that nobody else could contribute.

PREVIOUS WINNERS:
(2013) Christine Morabito & Dan Selenius
(2014) Dave Sullivan & Dani Langevin
(2015) Alex Talcott & John MacDonald

2016 NOMINEES:
Janet Aldrich
Maria Fiato
Rich Russell
Brenda Rozzi

VALLEY PATRIOT AWARDS







*VALLEY PATRIOT 1ST AMENDMENT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



Each year this award is given to 2 individuals who show with their actions that they value the 1st Amendment to the Constitution. Winners of this award have made a significant difference in holding public officials accountable, fought for transparency in government and gone above and beyond the call of duty to defend and protect our right of free speech, a free press, freedom of religion and/or being a whistle-blower. They are or have taken ACTION, bold action, to make sure the public is more informed about what their government leaders and representatives are up to. Without individuals like this on the front lines in the war against free speech and a free press our freedoms could be lost.

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (2014) Auditor Suzanne Bump & State Senator Katy Ives
(2015) State Rep. Jim Lyons *Mike Sweeney LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT!

2016 NOMINEES:
Bharani Padmanabhan, Janet Aldrich, Rep. Diana DiZoglio, Senator Bruce Tarr







* VALLEY PATRIOT HERO VETERAN AWARD

Because honoring Veterans is so much a part of what we do at The Valley Patriot, tonight we honor two people who themselves honor our hero service men and women here at home. Honoring our veterans and recognizing their incredible sacrifices is one of the most important things we do at The Valley Patriot. Tonight we honor two veterans who not only served their country overseas but continued to serve their country when they came home. Whether it is public service, volunteering in the community or helping other veterans here at home, tonight's recipients are men who embody what service and sacrifice are all about.

PREVIOUS WINNERS: (2013) David Swarbrick, John Lenottee, & Helen Mooradkanian
(2014) Francisco Urena & Tom Fallon. (2015) Bruce Arnold Salvucci, John MacDonald & Eric Nelson

2016 NOMINEES:
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Year Remembrance...

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Lawrence Police Officer
Tom Duggan, Sr.







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It's not how they died that makes them heroes, but how they lived



*OFFICER TOM DUGGAN SR. PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD

On March 16, 1990, Lawrence Police Officer Tom Duggan Sr. lost his life in the line of duty. He was a man who loved being a police officer and lived his life responding to cries for help in the community. While he worked on many major cases and high profile crimes, he always said that it was the day to day work he did on and off duty to help people in small ways that really made his job worth doing. This year we honor his service and sacrifice with "The Valley Patriot, Officer Tom Duggan Sr., Law Enforcement Award." The award is given to members of public safety (police or fire) and/or one civilian who honors the service and personal sacrifice police officers and firefighters make every day. Officer Duggan believed that those little extra things we do in life to help others ... make the biggest differences in people's lives at the end of the day and makes the world around us a better place.

PAST WINNERS: (2013): Wheelabrator's Scott Emerson & Methuen Police Officer Dan O'Connell.
(2014) Amesbury Police Officer Jason Kooken & Lawrence Firefighter Manny Gonzalez
(2015) Ret. Woburn Police Officer Bob DiNapoli & Lawrence Deptuty Fire Chief Brian Murphy

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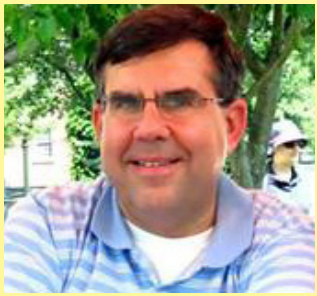
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MA. SECRETARY OF VETERANS' SERVICES FRANCISCO URENA



Born in the Dominican Republic Francisco Urena grew up in Lawrence, attending the Lawlor, Tarbox & Arlington Schools before his family moved to Florida. In June of 1998 Urena joined the Marines, training at Paris Island, SC, & then attending 2 ½ months of training as a tank commander where he learned how to operate the M1A1 tank, graduating as a tank crewman. Urena served as a security officer at the U.S. Embassy after completing a rigorous course at Quantico, VA."My first post after completing training was in Damascus, Syria where I spent a year and a half." There, Urena learned how to speak Arabic fluently. He also learned how to speak fluent Russian when he was assigned to his second post at the U.S. Embassy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, a country which was formerly part of the Soviet Republic. After returning home for a brief period in 2004, Urena found himself on his way to Iraq as a tank commander in the Spring of 2005 in el Anbar province of Iraq on the eastern border of Syria. During his time in Iraq, Urena was part of three major operations; Operation Matador, Operation Spear and Operation Quick Strike.During operation Matador Urena was issued a navy achievement medal for heroic actions and quick decisiveness during combat operations where he and his company were ambushed by terrorists. Urena was credited for saving numerous lives and evacuated civilians from the area safely while under heavy fire. During "Operation Spear" Urena showed his heroism once again when he was hit with shrapnel in the face. Urena was honorably discharged on June 15, 2006, but his service to his country did not end there. When he came back to the states he served as the City of Lawrence's Veteran's Services Director and is now the Secretary of Veteran's Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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I also remember taking my share of criticism in the pages of this newspaper, but it was always fair and never personal.

Mostly, I remember when you first unveiled your vision for standards in journalism, how you were laughed at and mocked by the political insiders and the newspaper industry.

CONGRATULATIONS ON GETTING THE LAST LAUGH!

Mike Sullivan



(Then) Lawrence Mayor Mike Sullivan in July of 2005 at the placement of our very first newspaper box on Mt. Vernon St. in Lawrence.

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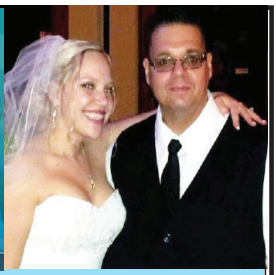
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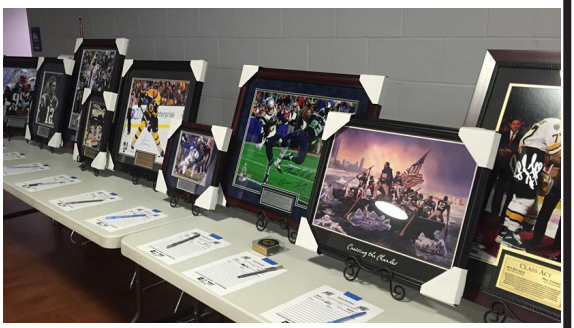
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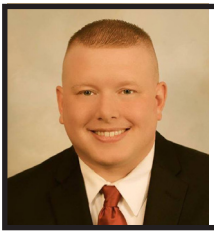
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Ronnie Ford



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